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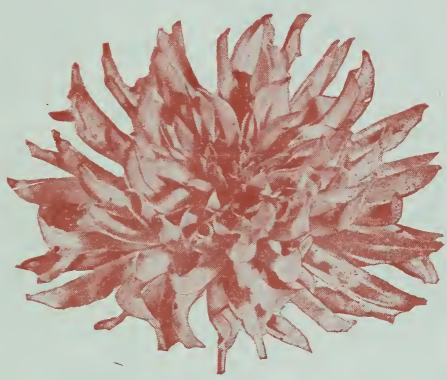
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GILL'S DAHLIA GARDEN
WASHOUGAL, WASHINGTON



Watching Mother Patch

I can see her yet in memory,
As she used to sit and patch:
White hands taking endless stitches,
Sorting colors out to match.

A gray shawl around her shoulders
While she labored weary hours.
Bending over children's clothing—
That old mother dear of ours.

Now she's old and growing weaker
And I try to do my best
To make life more sweet and pleasant
For the mother we call blest.

But oh, if I could only take
Those patches off my heart,
Where they're sewed with memory stitches
And pierced with conscience-dart

If I could only live again
The thoughtless days I spent,
And help those hands with their patching,
I think I would be content.

—HARRIET M. GILL



A Home With A Garden

Give me a home with a garden
Where roses and lilies abide.
I'll show you a place of treasure—
Place fit for a king to reside.

Give me a home with a garden,
The fairest and dearest on earth,
A place where kind hearts are loving
And where many good deeds find birth.

A place of walks flower bordered,
A velvet, and elm shaded lawn
Stained with the flame of the sunset—
Kissed by the first rays of the dawn.

Give me a home with a garden,
Surrounded by laughter and love,
Where all life is in harmony
With the infinite world above.

—HARRIET M. GILL.

Mrs. Gill is having some books of verse published and the poems printed here are taken from among the thirty or more in it. Books will be printed on good paper, bound in art covers and suitable for gifts. Price .75. Ready to mail sometime in April.

Greetings

Dear Friends:

We take this opportunity to thank you for the orders received the past season. For 1926 we have a much larger and better stock of bulbs and believe we can fill all orders received.

We have changed the style of our catalog, cutting out unnecessary description, as we believe the most of our patrons are mainly interested in the color of the blooms. We have endeavored to describe the color as near as possible. We have arranged the names alphabetically without regard to class as it will make it easier to find any certain variety without loss of time.

If you receive more than one copy of our little catalog please favor us by handing it to a friend. And we will consider it a favor, if, when sending an order, you will advise us as to the time you wish to plant.

Yours very truly,

CHAS. W. GILL

ABOUT ORDERING

ORDER EARLY—All orders are filled in rotation with field grown roots only. By ordering early you will insure getting all the varieties you desire. All orders received before April 1st we will allow you to select 10% of your order in extra bulbs,

TIME OF SHIPMENT—Unless requested we will not send out dahlias before April 1st. We will be pleased if you will tell us, when you order, what time you wish to plant. We will then be able to get them to you about that time and they will not dry out. In case you get them before you are ready to plant put them in a box of damp earth.

SUBSTITUTIONS—If we should be sold out of the variety you order, we will send something as nearly the same as we possibly can. **Unless You Say Not To.** We can very often send better dahlias than you have selected. Give second choice if you wish.

GUARANTEE—We are very careful to send out only first class bulbs, but give no warranty express or implied and will not, in any way, be responsible for the results of planting any bulbs or seed sent out by us. We will however gladly replace any that do not grow or prove untrue to name. Bulbs that do not grow should be returned to us with the tags attached.

REMITTANCES—should accompany all orders. Money orders, checks, or under \$1.00 we will accept stamps.

POSTAGE—We prepay all bulbs at the prices quoted in this catalog. We do not pay costs of C. O. D., packages. Where a discount is given to commercial growers postage must be added.

BE SURE to write your name and address plainly.

VISITORS are always welcome at our gardens and we are always pleased to show you thru our gardens in the blooming season.

Address All Orders And Make All Checks or Money Orders

Payable to

GILL'S DAHLIA GARDEN
WASHOUGAL, WASHINGTON

New Dahlias For 1926

Our Own Collection

- BERNARDO**— (Dec) Large flowers on long stems. Tall plants and very free flowering. Beautiful mauve with white suffusion-----\$1.50
- CRISTEL HASTINGS**— (Dec) A very large pure pink on long strong stems. Vigorous, healthy plants with thick foliage above which are borne erect the lovely pink blooms.----- \$2.50
- CHIEF WASHOUGAL**— (P) Immense blooms of coppery gold on extra long, strong stems. A very good cut flower. Plants are medium height. -----\$2.00
- GOLDENDALE**— (P) Copper red with gold tips and golden center. The flowers are borne on long stems high above the leaves. A very prolific bloomer. We have a good stock of these and offer them very reasonably----- 75c
- LINDA MARKHAM**— (Cactus) Named for Mrs. Gill's mother. Tall sturdy plants simply glow with the giant blooms of golden apricot. The flower stems have a tendency to come out similar to a rib in an umbrella, The flower hangs over the leaves and on the tall plants you look directly into the flower. We had plants 8 1-2 feet tall and flowers 7 inches across. When out and put in a vase, they make a very artistic bouquet and keep well. Our stock is limited. -----\$5.00
- MAID OF WAUNA**— (Dec) Large flowers of Carmine cerise on long stems. Dark leaves and stems have a purple tinge. Plants 4 feet high.-----\$2.50
- MADINORE**— Named for Col. Hofer's seaside home. (Col. Hofer publishes THE LARIAT, a magazine of Western verse, at Salem Oregon. If interested write him for a sample copy.) This dahlia is a Hybrid cactus of a new shade of red with glints of gold all through the petals. Very large flowers carried erect on long strong stems. each-----\$2.50
- WELCOME GUEST**— (Hybrid Cactus) Giant blooms of cream suffused mauve. The flowers are almost the shape and size of Mariposa. They are produced on long stems. Plants average 4 feet.-----\$2.00

GILL'S DAHLIA GARDEN

GENERAL COLLECTION

Where known, we give the originator's or introducer's name.

C is for Cactus, H. C. Hybrid Cactus, Dec. Decorative, P. for Peony, S. for Show. (Collarettes and Pompons in the last pages.)

	Each
ARAB— (Gill) (P) Large dark velvety crimson flowers, prolific bloomer.....	50c
AMAZONE— (C) Free flowering, amaranth and purple on good stems.	25c
AUBURN BEAUTY—(C) Large incurved flowers of bronze with yellow centers. Good stems.....	50c
AMUN RA— (Seal) (Dec) Giant flowers, strong erect stems. Rich shades of coppery bronze and flowers keep well when cut.....	\$1.75
AUTUMN GOLD— (Gill Bros.) (P) Large flowers, golden bronze shaded yellow.....	25c
AUTUMN MARVEL (White) (P) Large golden buff flowers, long stems. ....	.50
A. D. LIVONIA— (S) Clear bright pink. Old favorite.	25c
BERNARDO— See our 1928 introductions.	\$1.50
BERCHE VON HEMSTEDE— (Dec.) Long stems, free flowering bronze yellow.	30c
BESSIE BOSTON— Boston (Dec) Large deep cardinal red, wide petals notched on edges. Vigorous plants with dark green leaves	35c
BURBANKS GOLDEN WEST—(Dec) Large pure yellow, notched petals.....	30c
BLACK BEAUTY— (Dec) Free flowering maroon.	25c
BRILLIANT— (Gill Bros) Hy. Show. Fiery scarlet, free flowering	25c
BIANCA— (Hornsweld) (H.C.) Lavender pink on long stems. Good for cutting.....	50c
BALLET GIRL— (Boston) Extra large incurved flowers of orange and white; some all orange others nearly all white.....	\$1.25
BERTHA BERNSTEIN— (Gero) (S) Lavender flowers on good stems.....	50c
BRIDE'S BOUQUET —(Wilmore) (C) Pure white on long stems.	50c
CARMELITA— (Gill) (P) Long stemmed flowers of velvet crimson	35c
CONQUEST— (C) Large crimson maroon flowers on strong stems.	50c
CIRCUIT RIDER— (Gill) Large garnet blooms on good stems.	50c
CORAL— (C) Coral or rose pink, narrow incurved petals	50c
CHAS. SHERBROOKE— (C) Bright scarlet with orange reverse.....	50c
COUNTESS OF LOUNSDALE — (Keyne) (C) Salmon pink and amber.	25c
COUNTRY GIRL — (C) Golden yellow in curved petals.	25c
CHALLENGE — (Gill Bros.) (Dec) Large yellow and crimson flowers on long stems. An early and continuous bloomer.....	25c

GILL'S DAHLIA GARDEN

General Collection, Continued

CITY OF PORTLAND — (Gill Bros) (P) Immense clear yellow on long strong stems. Won first prize for largest bloom at Palace Hotel Show.	75c
CUBAN GIANT — (S & H) (S) Large crimson maroon flowers	25c
CUBAN PRINCE — (E. Gill) (S.) Seedling of Cuban Giant, Large flowers of purplish maroon tinged orange at the bottom of quills	35c
CUBAN QUEEN — (E. Gill) (S) Another seedling of the Cuban Giant. Large flowers on strong stems, yellow with plum centers Very popular.	35c
CREPUSCLE — (C) Long narrow petals of orange yellow and fawn.	25c
CAPITOL — (Gill) (P) Coppery red with a tinge of gold at the center. Long stems.	25c
CECIL FAY (Gill) (Dec) Large flowers of lavender with white suffusion, on good stems	50c
CHIEF WASHOUAL — See our 1926 introductions.	
CRISTEL HASTINGS — See our 1926 introductions.	
COLLARETTES — See last page.	
DUFUR QUEEN - (Gill Bros.) (H. C.) Free blooming golden yellow tinged salmon.	25c
DREAM - (Dec) Salmon rose on long stem. Good for cutting.	25c
DR. H. TEVIS - (Pelicano) (Dec) Giant flowers of old rose and gold	50c
DR. H. SEWALL — (Wilmore) (P) Fawn pink and amber	25c
DREERS WHITE - (S) (Large) perfect flowers of pure white	25c
DREERS YELLOW — (S) Pure yellow on good stems	50c
DR. H. G. DEAN - (Dean) Giant blooms of brownish orange and rosy crimson. This is a Decorative that is almost a hybrid cactus.	\$1.00
DELICE — (Dec) Clear rosy pink on good stems.	35c
D. M. MOORE — (Hy. Show) Giant dark velvety maroon	25c
EMPRESS - (C) Large incurved flowers lavender pink	35c
EPHRIAM GILL — (Gill Bros) (H. C.) Giant amber suffused orange scarlet, on long stems.	\$1.00
ETENARD DE LYON — (Rivoire) (C) Giant free flowering. Carmine rose magenta.	50c
EVERBLOOMER — (E. Gill) (P) Large chocolate maroon blotched with gold.	25c
FERNAND OLIVET - (C) Free flowering maroon.	25c
FRANCES GRAHAM (C) Fine salmon pink with yellow center.	75c
FLORIE WELLS - Long narrow petals of rosy crimson	25c
FULGENT (C) Rich cardinal scarlet	25c
F. W. FELLOWS - (Stredwick) (C) Large orange blooms on wiry stems	50c
FRANK SMITH - (S) Maroon tipped white. some all maroon.	25c
GILL'S RADIO Our 1925 introduction. Large flowers with golden yellow center, outer half of petals carmine flushed violet almost blue. Keeps longer when cut than most other varieties. Flowers are held well above the leaves on long stems.	\$7.20

GILL'S DAHLIA GARDEN

General Collection, Continued

GILL'S PINK LADY (E. Gill) (H. C.) Large eosine pink blooms on long strong stems. Petals curled and twisted into an artistic flower.	.75
GOLDEN WEST (Broomall) (C) Rich golden yellow.	.50
GONDOLA (C) Free flowering pink. Medium size	.25
GWENDOLINE TUCKER (C) Giant silvery pink blooms.	.50
GOLDIE (E. Gill) Coppery gold on good stems. Large flowers.	.25
GRAND DUKE ALEXIS (S) Giant flowers of white touched with lavender	.30
GRAND DUCHESS MARIE (S) Large buff and orange flowers	.25
GEO. WALTERS (Carter) (H. C.) Very large coral pink with gold center.	.75
GOLDEN OPPORTUNITY (S) (Doolittle) Rich buttercup yellow of great size	.75
GOLD MEDAL (Keyne) (S) Rich yellow marked with red. Fine stems.	.50
GOLDENDALE See 1926 introductions	.75
HELEN DURNBAUGH (Broomall) (H.C.) Soft light pink of good size.	.50
HI. GILL (P) Golden yellow suffused copper. Free bloomer.	.50
HOFFNUNG (H. C.) In curved carmine rose with yellow center.	.25
H. WEARING (C) Straight narrow petals of amber suffused salmon.	.35
HALLVELLA (Mc Whirter) (Dec.) Immense flowers of old rose pink on fine long strong stems.	2.50
HARRIET GILL (Gill) (H. C.) Large golden buff flowers on long stems. Petals curled and twisted.	.50
INSULINDA (Krist) (Dec.) Giant orange buff overlaid with golden sheen reverse of petals old rose. Straight wiry stems hold flower erect. Stock limited	1.50
JERSEY BEAUTY (Waite) (Dec) A prize winner all over the country and is one of the finest pink decoratives The large flowers are produced on extra long stems. Stock limited.	\$4.50
JAS. C. GILL (Gill Bros) (P) Large orange buff tinged scarlet on long stems. Extra good for cutting.	.35
JOHN RIDEING (C) Large incurving flowers of deep crimson.	.50c
JUPITER (C) Salmon yellow striped crimson. In curved petals.	.35
KING ALBERT (Dec.) Giant flowers of rich purple on long stems.	.75
KALIF (Englehardt) (H. C.) Rich scarlet on good strong stems. Large blooms.	.50
LINDA MARKHAM Our new apricot cactus. See 1926 introductions.	\$5.00
LA FAVORITA (Lohrmann) (H.C.) Large flaming orange on stiff stems.	.75

GILL'S DAHLIA GARDEN

General Collection, Continued

LAPWING (C) Orange tan, narrow petals, flowers	.35
LATONIA Holland peony. Large light yellow shaded buff on long stems	.25
LA FRANCE (Dec) Soft rose pink of good size on long stems	.35
LE GRAND MANITOU (Charmet) (Dec.) Large white striped purple on strong stems. Some come all purple. Semi dwarf plants	.25
LOLITA VELASCO (Boston) (C) A VERY LARGE white cactus carried erect on long straight stems. The petals are thick and heavy	\$3.50
LORNA DOONE (Stredwick) (C) Pink tinted with carmine, yellow base	.25
LUCY FAWCETT (S) Large sulphur yellow striped carmine rose	.30
LORRAINE GILL—Our 1926 decorative. Large rich velvety crimson on cane-like stems, often thirty inches long. A very profuse bloomer. Keeps well	\$5.00
MARATHON (C) Large, rich, purple blooms	.35
MAUDE HASTINGS (Dean) Large lemon yellow cactus flowers	.50
MARCELLA GILL (Gill Bros.) (Dec.) Clear shell pink on long stems	.35
MAUD ADAMS (Alexander) (S) Large perfect flowers of white overlaid delicate pink	.30
MELODY (Stredwick) (C) Large incurved flowers, half yellow, half white	.50
MILLIONAIRE (Stillman) Dec. Giant blooms of lavender and white	.75
MINA BURGLE (Dec) Bright scarlet, profuse in bloom. Large	.25
MAID OF WAUNA See 1926 Introductions	\$2 50
MADINORE See 1926 Introductions	\$2 50
MONSCHIEBE (P) Clear yellow of large size	.25
MARS (Gill) (P) Large flowers of Amaranth red and carmine	.50
MONS LE NORMAND Dec. Large flowers of yellow striped bright red	.50
MME. VON BYSTEIN (P) Large lavender blooms on good stems	.25
MRS. WARNAAR (Hornsweldt) (H. C.) Very large white flushed pink on long strong stems. Prolific bloomer	.75
MRS. ETHEL SMITH (Broomall) H. C. An immense cream touched with lemon. Tall vigorous plants	.75
MRS. JESSIE SEAL (Gleadell) (P) Extra large blooms held high on long graceful stems. Color salmon rose. Stock limited	\$1.00
MRS. I. DE VER WARNER (Marean) Dec. Immense flowers of mauve pink or orchid borne on long strong stems	\$1 50
MRS. CARL SALBACH (Salbach) (Dec.) Large blooms on extra long stems. For us its blooms are lavender tinged with pink	.75
MRS. EDNA SPENCER (Spencer) (C) Very large light lavender pink. Incurved	.75
MRS. W. E. ESTES (Estes) H. C. Very large fluffy white blooms on long stiff stems are produced in abundance	.75
MRS. C. H. BRECK (Peacock) (H.C.) Creamy yellow and rose	.30

GILL'S DAHLIA GARDEN

General Collection, Continued

MRS. G. GORDON (P) Large fluffy cream flowers.....	25
MRS. JACK GREEN (P) Giant bright scarlet flowers on long stems.....	50
MRS. NELLIE DEAN (Dean) Giant flowers of carmine cerise, free flowering.....	50
MISS HELEN HOLLIS (Alexander) (S) Large deep scarlet blooms, long stem.....	35
MT. HOOD (Gill Bros.) (Dec.) Plants loaded with pure white flowers.....	25
NORTHERN LIGHT (Gill) (P) Giant flowers, a blending of yellow, carmine and violet.....	25
NIBELUNGENHORT (H. C.) Large rose pink flowers on long stems.....	50
NERTHUS (C) Carmine rose with white tips. Good stems	50
NEW MOON (Burns) (H. C.) Large rich yellow often tipped white.....	\$1.25
NEVADA (Dec) A large pure white, free flowering.....	35
NORMA (Turner) (S) Large, bright orange buff on good stems.....	50
ORANGE GEM (Gill) Single. Orange flowers, rounded petals, wiry stems.....	25
ORANGE DOAZON (Dec) Very large deep orange on good stems.....	30
OREGON BEAUTY (Gill Bros.) (Dec.) Large brilliant fiery scarlet, good stems.....	25
OSUM SHUDOW (Boston) (Dec.) Giant blooms on stiff stems, light rose suffused lilac, yellow center.....	\$1.75
PAHASKA (Wilmore) (H. C.) Immense flowers of apricot and fawn shaded pink. Petals very long curled and twisted. Very free flowering.....	\$2.50
PAUL BONYON (Babcock) (Dec.) Large flowers, erect stems. Gold overlaid salmon.....	30
PEACHES AND CREAM (Gill Bros.) (P) Creamy yellow and peach blossom pink.....	25
PRINCESS PAT (McWhirter) Dec. Large flowers of old rose tinged lilac on long stiff stems. Stock limited.....	\$1.00
PIERROT (Stredwick) (C) Very large incurved flowers of amber tipped white.....	35
PRIDE OF CALIFORNIA (Lohrmann) (Dec.) Deep red, long stems, profuse bloomer and keeps well.....	50
PRINCESS ANGELINE (Dec.) Clear cerise on good stems	35
PRINCESS JULIANA (Dec) Pure white on long stems.....	25
POINSETTIA (Gill Bros.) Single flowers of bright scarlet.....	25
POLAR STAR (P) Very large flowers of pure white on good stems.....	50
PURPLE MANITOU (Dec) Immense purple blooms on semi dwarf plants.....	35
PUYALLUP (Lee) (P) Large crimson pink blending to white at center.....	75
RADEN KARTINI (Dec) Free flowering salmon shaded mauve Long stems.....	35
RED COAT (C) Bright scarlet of fair size	25
RED RIBBON (E. Gill) (H. C.) Large wine red blooms on good stems.....	50
RHEINISCHER FROHSINN (C) Incurved petals, carmine rose changing to white at the center. Long stems and keeps well.....	60

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General Collection, Continued

ROOKWOOD (Boston) (Dec) Semi dwarf plants produce abundant flowers of bright cerise rose on long straight stems well above the leaves----	\$3.00
RAY-O-LIGHT (Gill) (Dec) Large flowers of lemon yellow on long stems. ....	.50
REGENT (Boston) (C) A very large incurved flower of mauve pink on long stems and keeps extra well when cut.	\$1.50
ROSSINA (Gill) (P) Large rosy lilac blooms on good stems. Free flowering .....	.50
SMOKE BALLEW (Gill) (P) Large flowers of mauve edged rose. Reverse of petals rose. Long stems and free flowering .....	.35
SOU. GUS. DOAZON (Bruant) (Dec) A Giant bright scarlet. Good stems. ....	.25
SWEET BRIAR (Stredwick) (C) Free blooming clear pink on good stems. ....	.75
SEQUOIA GIGANTEA (Dec) Giant blooms of deep yellow Tall sturdy plants .....	.75
SOUTHERN BELLE (C) Large incurved garnet maroon	.25
SENTINEL (C) Free flowering deep rose on tall plants...	.50
SQUANTO (P) Free flowering giant reddish violet. ....	.35
SUSAN G. TEVIS (Boston) Dec Immense lilac with bluish sheen on long strong stems. Vigorous. Stock limited	\$4.00
SHUDOWS LAVENDER (Boston) (Dec) Very large silvery lavender, shaded white. Perfect stems hold the blooms erect.	\$3.50
THE GRIZZLY (Burns) (Dec) Mammoth dark velvety red blooms on long stems .....	.75
THEODORE ROOSEVELT (Gill Bros.) (Dec) Large orange scarlet flowers- Tall plants. ....	.25
THE IMP (C) Nearly black, long narrow incurved petals Wiry stems. ....	.75
TACOMA (Lee) (Dec) Very large free blooming Scarlet and gold. Long stems.	\$1.00
UNCLE WIGGILY (Gill) Single. Large incurved flowers rich garnet at the base blending into purple at the tips. Reverse of petals lighter. ....	.25
VATER RHEIN (H. C.) Large golden yellow. Suffused salmon. Good stems, .....	.25
VAN DYCK (P) Mammoth flowers of a combination of salmon, amber and heliotrope. Petals curl and twist about the center, .....	.50
VIRGINIA (Gill) (Dec.) Free blooming cream and mauve on good stems, .....	.35
WALKURE (H. C.) Giant golden sulphur on long stems	.50
WASCO BEAUTY (E. G. & Gill Bros.) Cactus peony. Giant flowers with long wavy petals, incurved of bronze red tipped in yellow, .....	.75
WODAN (H. C.) Giant salmon rose on good stems. Free blooming, .....	.50
W. W. RAWSON (Rawson) (S) Large white overlaid with lavender. Good, .....	.35
WALTER DEEGAN (C) Bright orange scarlet, good stems, large flowers,25
WELCOME GUEST See 1926 Introductions,	\$2.00

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General Collection, Continued

YELLOW KING (Hornswelt) (H. C.) Extra large sulphur yellow on long stems. -----	.30
ZEPPLIN (Dec) Free flowering mauve with silvery suffusion. Medium size. -----	.25
ZORITA (Lee) A new show. Large flower on long stems; very profuse bloomer. Color is apricot buff with reverse of old rose. -----	\$1.00

GLADIOLI

EXTRA FINE MIXED—These are named varieties and choice seedlings in mixture and are mostly large flowered. Almost all the colors are in this lot.

Per dozen 50c.

Per 100 postpaid \$3.25

DAHLIA SEED

We have a quantity of dahlia seed saved from the best of the double varieties and have made two grades of it. Packets will contain fifty or more seed.

Select No. 1—seed per packet.----- .50

Stock No. 2—per packet----- .25

IRIS

Iris should be planted from July 1st to October 1st to get the best results, We will mail, during above time, 12 Iris, all different, assorted colors for-----\$1.25

I Would Soften The Way

My children dear are safe in bed,
Softly pillowed each little head.

And as I dream in the fires glow
I dream of days of long ago,

When I too slept, a little child
Tenderly watched by mother mild.

My dreams were sweet and pleasant then
Of fairy elfs and woodland glen.

Sweet were the paths of youth I trod
Serene and calm my faith in God,

Bright were my days and free of strife,
I knew not then the ways of life

That bind and fetter tender wings,
And hurt and bruise, the heart that sings,

And, though we must take the bitter and sweet,
I would soften the way for little feet.

—HARRIET M. GILL

COLLARETTE DAHLIAS

Single type, open centered flowers with smaller petals forming a collar around the center. Free flowering and very good cut flowers.

DIADEM Rosy pink, white collarette, tall plants,....	.50
GEANT DE LYON Rivoire A large flower of velvety maroon, white collar,	\$1.00
MT. LASSEN Fiery red with yellow collar touched red Long erect stems, .....	.35
HERALD Large rosy pink with white collar, .....	.75
JOHN BULL Very large deep red, white collar. Tall plants, good stems, .....	.35
KATCHEN VON SCHWARTZATAL Carmine rose edged and tipped white, collar is white. Good stem, .....	.75
RAPHSODY Starry flowers, brick red, Collar yellow touched red, .....	.25



POMPON DAHLIAS

Small show dahlia very neat in appearance and lend themselves to any kind of floral decoration. Extra fine for cutting.

AMBER QUEEN—Free flowering rich golden amber,....	.25
ACHILLES—Light pink flowers .....	.25
CATHERINE—Clear yellow long stems. Rather large,....	.25
CLARA HARSH—Yellow tipped crimson. ....	.25
DARKNESS—Dark maroon, tall plants, .....	.35
FAIRY QUEEN—Sulphur yellow, edged pink. Open centers. Extra long stems, .....	.25
GEO. IRELAND—Free blooming mauve, .....	.35
GRUS AM WEIN—Crushed strawberry, good stems,....	.50
LITTLE DOROTHY—Deep cream on good stems. ....	.35
LITTLE BEAUTY—Shrimp pink, .....	.25
NORA REYNOLDS—Indian red, .....	.25
SWEETIE—Maroon touched rosy purple. Slightly oversize, .....	.25
WHITE ASTER—Pure white, each petal notched, .....	.25
ZOE—Yellow, occasionally tipped white, .....	.25



THE FLOWER GROWER

A magazine for flower lovers. Articles about the Dahlia, Gladiolus, and all kinds of flowers. Also articles on birds, fruit, and many things of interest. We recommend the magazine to all. Subscription is two dollars per year. Over 60 pages 9x12 inches. Send us the subscriptions and we will send them in for you.



GILL'S DAHLIA GARDEN

DAHLIA CULTURE

Dahlias are easily grown and will thrive in almost any soil if given plenty of cultivation and water. They like an open sunny location, but will do well in partial shade. If your soil is heavy clay, mix in sand or wood ashes. For fertilizer we have found that Sheep guano and a small percentage of potash gives excellent results. Mix it thoroughly with the soil at planting time.

Planting Time varies according to locality. In the northwest from May 1st to June 1st is about the best. We have planted as late as July 7th and had lots of blooms. In any case do not plant till the ground is warm. In the South it is best to plant in June, and they will bloom in September and October.

Plant the bulbs just as received, and put the eye of the tuber about four inches deep.

Cultivation is very important and one should cultivate often and deeply till the buds appear, then just keep the top of the ground loose. Keep out all weeds, and water plentifully and often during dry weather. Water evenings.

Old Blooms should be removed as soon as they begin to turn brown.

Harvest your dahlias a few days after frost has killed them. Shake out all the dirt as carefully as possible cut the stalk off about two inches from the bulbs and pack them in a box upside down, so that any moisture in the stalk will run out. Fill in around them with dry sand or soil, and store the boxes where there is no danger of frost.

Dahlia Seed can be planted in boxes inside or in hotbeds and transplanted after all danger of frost is over, or you may plant in the open ground in May. When planted in May in the open there will be quite a number that will not bloom the first year but you can carry the bulbs over till the next season.

Important — When you receive your bulbs, put them in a cool place or in a box of soil and keep moist till ready to plant. Do not allow them to dry out.

DAHLIA COLLECTIONS

AS it is impossible to tell the amount of sales on any particular variety in advance we often have a surplus of dahlias left in very good varieties. These we use in collections. All are labeled and assorted colors, no two alike. Our selection only. Please do not ask us to put up any special varieties in these collections. We put up from 50 to 100 collections at a time and cannot change them. We cannot give you the names of the varieties as we have to change every day or so.

Collection No. 1—10 dahlias, 3 cactus, 3 decorative, 2 peony and 2 show. All good ones.....	\$1.50
No. 2—10 Cactus dahlias.....	2.00
No. 3—10 Decorative dahlias.....	1.85
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CHILDREN'S WEEK

We have Electric Week, Apple Week, and weeks for many other things. Why not have CHILDREN'S WEEK, and everyone try to help some child during that week? Many children need medical attention and very often the health or life of a child might be spared if given the proper care. During Children's Week, we could try to see that all children were examined by a physician and those needing it given the right care. Half of the crimes are committed by those who did not have a chance to gain the knowledge God intended every one should. No child can be successful at school or have a fair chance in life if Adenoids, diseased Tonsils or some other trouble is eating away his vitality.

DAHLIAS FOR THE CHILDREN

This spring we are sending several hundred bulbs to children who visited our garden on Children's Day-Oct 4. May they get a lot of pleasure from the blooms.

This fall we will give a bulb to each child that visits the garden during the week beginning October 1st.

OLD FOLKS AND CRIPPLES

If you know of any who can't afford to buy dahlias, send us 25 cents to pay the postage etc. and their names and addresses and we will mail them four dahlia bulbs. By sending the 25 cents you will share in the pleasure they will derive from their flowers.

GLADIOLUS

My father has a quantity of Gladiolus in an extra fine mixture of seedlings and named varieties that he will mail at the price of .50 per dozen, \$3.25 per hundred. Address, Ephriam Gill, Dufur, Oregon.

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Write your order on any kind of paper.

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St. Paul, Minn. May 23, 1925

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THE DAHLIA

A twisted bulb, fantastic-shaped, and gnarled
Beyond all semblance of a living thing
Held bacchanalia with a garden spade
While waiting for the magic touch of Spring.

A robin paused to sing a lilting note,
Then blithely fluttered on to azure skies,
But a blossom, deep imprisoned in the bulb,
Had heard the song, and opened sleepy eyes.

And lo, the magic fairy wand of Spring
Performed the miracle of groping roots,
A promise of a glory like the sun,
Of tiny sprouts, of leaves, and tender shoots.

Its emerald head was lifted to the sun,
It soon outgrew the fragrant mignonette,
A velvet pansy bed was lost below,
Forgotten was the modest violet.

But one tall stem stood swaying in the wind,
And cast a slender shadow like a tree;
The fairies came at dusk with paint and brush
And made of it a wondrous thing to see.

At dawn, a crimson flower, wet with dew,
Shone proudly in a garden, like a gem.
'Twas the Dahlia, born of bulb and robin's song--
All the glory of a sunset on one stem.

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